

Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council  
DRAFT Minutes September 14, 2015  
Joshua Tree Community Center, 6171 Sunburst Drive, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Members Present: Ziegert, Lundquist, Koenig, Flanagan, Sitz, Swarat, Tuttle. Member Excused: Lutringer.
- D. The agenda was adopted as presented.
- E. The minutes of August 10, 2015 were adopted.
- F. Public Comments: Citizens of the MB had the following concerns/issues: Of most concern were dirt road conditions throughout the Basin and specifically in the hard hit area of Copper Mountain Mesa. Some areas want the road maintenance funds to be returned to local control. Along with road conditions, WV citizens had issues of burglary and vandalism and their perception of the lack of service from the sheriff's department. JT residents stated their resistance to the approval of a cell tower to be erected on the property of the Sky View Chapel on Sunny Vista Road. Of specific concern were radiation and the reduction of property values.
- G. Public Safety Reports: Cty. Fire: Cty. Dist. Chief Chamberlain gave an overview of responses during the recent storms to include swift water rescues and distribution of sandbags to those in need. 80 firefighters from SB Cty. have been sent to northern CA and the northwest. Sheriff's Dept: Capt. Joling discussed the recent arson fire at Wal-Mart and how the fire and sheriff's departments worked in conjunction. Responding to a question from a citizen, Joling said there are six cars, one deputy each, on patrol throughout the MB at all times. CHP: Officer Griffin reminded everyone of the teen driving course offered through the CHP.
- H. Presentations:
  - 1. Fraser Haney from MDLT presented information regarding the acquisition of 700 acres in Quail Wash. Over the last 10 years MDLT has gone through 1800 escrows helping to reduce private landholdings in the JTNP.
  - 2. Mark Goodale, GM of MBTA presented information on their operations. There are 6 fixed routes throughout the basin. At present there is talk of providing service to JTNP.
- I. Community Reports: Sitz, WV: at a community meeting that morning dates for a community clean up and a potluck were discussed, discussed a letter a community member received several years ago from an oil company asking permission to use their property for a pipeline and said a crude oil spill anywhere in the MB would be tragic; Ziegert, YM, said he is making progress toward making YMIA a 501 (c) 3 organization. There are also fund-raising events at YMIA. Koenig, Flamingo Heights, reported that CALTRANS work will continue for 2 months but is not sure that is accurate info. Lundquist, JT, urged all to attend "Lunch with the Supervisor" on 9/29 at the Bob Burke building beginning at 11:30. He also reminded everyone that the Cty. Supervisors Board meetings are teleconferenced at the county building in JT. Tuttle, CMM urged everyone with road issues to let the county know. She also said the recent ewaste and tire collection was successful. Flanagan, DH, agreed with everyone that the road conditions in the MB are deplorable. Swarat, MV, said there will be a LAFCO meeting on 9/30 to discuss the financial situation of Morongo Valley Community Services District with regard to the fire department.
- J. Adjournment: 8:20